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FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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SUBJ: ARA MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORTS

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1. FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN ARA MONTHLY NARCOTICS REPORT FOR AUGUST.

2. NARCOTICS BILL PASSED BY CHILEAN CONGRESS AND FORWARDED TO EXECUTIVE ON APRIL 17, ITEM 8 APRIL REPORT, WAS SIGNED AND BECAME EFFECTIVE ON PROMULGATION MAY 16 (SANTIAGO 2122) (UNCLASSIFIED). WE CONSIDER THE BILL TO BE A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER PAST CHILEAN LEGISLATION. IT IS INFLUENCED HEAVILY BY US EXPERIENCE AND THE ASSISTANCE OF US INPUT IN THE DRAFTING STAGE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. THE EMBASSY IS SUPPORTING THE DESIRE OF DEA TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DEA AGENTS IN SANTIAGO FROM TWO TO THREE, AND DEA IS INITIATING RECRUITING.

4. USIS SANTIAGO IS GIVING INCREASING ATTENTION AND EFFORT TO SUPPORT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH DEA ON PUBLICITY ON ARRESTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHEN APPROPRIATE, AND SUCH ACTIONS AS PLACEMENT OF FILMS ON THE PROBLEM WITH LOCAL TELEVISION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. CHILEAN CUSTOMS ARRESTED A MAJOR COCAINE TRAFFICKER, GUILLERMO MEJIAS DUARTE, ON AUG 17 IN VALPARAISO. APART FROM THE OBVIOUS GRATIFICATION WE FEEL IN PUTTING AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE  
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NARCOTICS CONNECTION OUT OF ACTION, WE ARE ALSO PLEASED AT THE

CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CHILEAN CUSTOMS NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT.

6. A COMPLEX, JOINT EFFORT OF DEA OFFICERS IN SANTIAGO, CHILEAN CUSTOMS, THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO, THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE, AND DEA OFFICERS IN LONDON AND MONTREAL RESULTED ON AUG 10 IN THE ARREST OF A US TRAFFICKER, GILBERTO MORALES, IN TORONTO AND THE CONFISCATION OF ABOUT 30 POUNDS OF COCAINE. A CHILEAN COURIER UNDER SURVEILLANCE WAS PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TO CANADA WITH FOUR KILOS OF COCAINE SECRETED IN A SUITCASE, AND BY UNEXPECTED GOOD FORTUNE HE LED THE RCMP TO A CONTACT POINT WHERE A NUMBER OF OTHER COURIERS WERE COUGHT AS THEY CAME IN. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. THE TRANSPORT STRIKE WHICH HAS RACKED CHILE SINCE JULY HAS REDUCED THE SUPPLY OF ETHER TO CHILE'S LABORATORY OPERATORS. ETHER IS A NECESSARY SUBSTANCE IN COCAINE PROCESSING(LOU).  
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